



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: May 26, 2006

Approved

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Date

05/26/06

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED 2006-2007 CAPITAL BUDGET TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE COLUMBUS PARK HORSESHOE COURT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of amendments to the Proposed 2006-2007 Capital Budget to provide additional funding in the amount of \$410,000 from the Parks City-wide Construction and Conveyance Tax Fund (Fund 391) for the Columbus Park Horseshoe Court project in 2006-2007. The Ending Fund Balance will be reduced accordingly to fund this project.

BACKGROUND

The San José Golden Eagles Horseshoe Club is a non-profit organization that was incorporated for the primary objective of coordinating an organized horseshoe-pitching program. Through an agreement with the Club, public access to horseshoe activities and organized horseshoe-pitching programs was provided via a Club-operated horseshoe facility located at Senter Park between 1984 and 2000. In February 2000, the City asked the Club to vacate the Senter Park site to allow for the construction of the Los Lagos Golf Course.

Staff has been assisting the Club with identifying a new facility at another location within the City. As part of this effort, City staff and the Club have proposed Columbus Park, at the corner of Taylor and Spring Streets, as the new site for the horseshoe court facility. This site consists of an open turf area that is not currently programmed for any active sports use. It is the preferred site because of its size, configuration, access, parking availability, and ease of development.

Discussions between City staff and Club representatives have progressed from an initial concept that the Club would construct and operate the facility, to the current recommendation that the City construct the facility with the Club supporting maintenance through the City's Adopt-a-Park program. On May 3, 2006, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the issues and asked staff to continue progress on completion of the project.

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ANALYSIS

City staff and the Club have developed a work plan for the planning, design, and construction of a 21-court horseshoe-pitching facility at Columbus Park. The work plan consists of amending the Columbus Park Master Plan to include the project, collaborating with the Club on design, and constructing the facility as a City public works project, to be funded by the City. This project will include providing land and electrical and water supply, fencing, drainage, clearing and grubbing, site grading, and horseshoe courts. The project schedule consists of completing the master planning process by fall of 2006 and completion of construction by fall of 2007. The estimated project cost is \$450,000, of which \$40,000 was allocated in 2005-2006. Additional funding in the amount of \$410,000 is needed in 2006-2007 to meet the above schedule.

As a component of the above work plan, the City will operate and maintain the horseshoe court facility. The Club agreed to provide maintenance assistance through the City's Adopt-A-Park Program. The horseshoe courts will be considered a public facility, which will be open for community use at all times. The Club will make advance reservations to the City for its tournaments and league plays and pay any relevant fees.

/s/

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and Neighborhood Services